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1. On 13 August 1953, a unit with about 15 trucks, 16 large amphibious cars, 1 crane truck, 29 trucks, each carrying 2 pontoons and timber; 5 trucks, loaded with billeting equipment and boards; and 1 motorboat left the Dessau-Aken engineer camp toward Dessau.  25X1B  
the troops observed carried full field pack. As the commanding officer, Galatan (fnu), was seen with the column, source concluded that the unit left for a major exercise. 1
2. On 29 July, a shipment of 12 x 37-mm AA guns and about 10 trucks was seen on the Berlin-Dessau railroad line between Brueck and Belzig, en route toward Dessau.
3. At about 6 p.m. on 3 August, an undetermined number of trains, carrying 12 x 76-mm AA guns, about 25 to 30 trucks, 2 field kitchens, 1 jeep and 7 to 8 boxcarloads of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia passed through Belitz, coming from the direction of Wildpark-Seddin and proceeding toward Jueterbog. 2
4. At about 4 p.m. on 4 August, billeting equipment, boxes and several engines on blocks, which source believed were fire engines, were loaded on 8 to 10 boxcars at the Jueterbog-Altes Lager railroad station.  25X1C  
seen during the loading.
5. Troop trains passing through the Satzkorn railroad station on 5 August included a train carrying 10 x 76-mm field guns, 8 x 122-mm field howitzers, 2 field kitchens, 1 sedan, 45 trucks, 10 boxcarloads of troops and 2 boxcarloads of ammunition and equipment, which went toward Forest Zinna at 2:30 a.m.; and a train carrying 8 x 100-mm AT guns, 10 prime movers, 12 trucks, 8 boxcarloads of troops and 1 boxcarload of ammunition, which went toward Neustrelitz at about 3:30 a.m. 3

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- ☐ 6. The following columns, which source believed came from the direction of Goerlitz and proceeded toward Dresden-Nickern, were seen in Dresden:

1 August. A column of 24 trucks, each towing a 76-mm AT gun; 2 trucks, 1 jeep and 1 sedan at about 2:30 a.m.

5 August. A column of 31 trucks, each occupied by about 15 soldiers wearing steel helmets and armed with submachine guns and carbines; 1 ambulance and 1 radio truck at about 0:30 a.m.

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